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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
 Also attached:

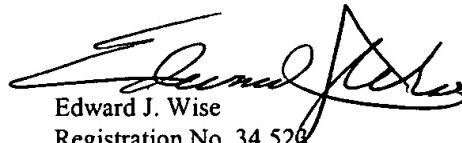
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Independent Claims	2	6	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
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Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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